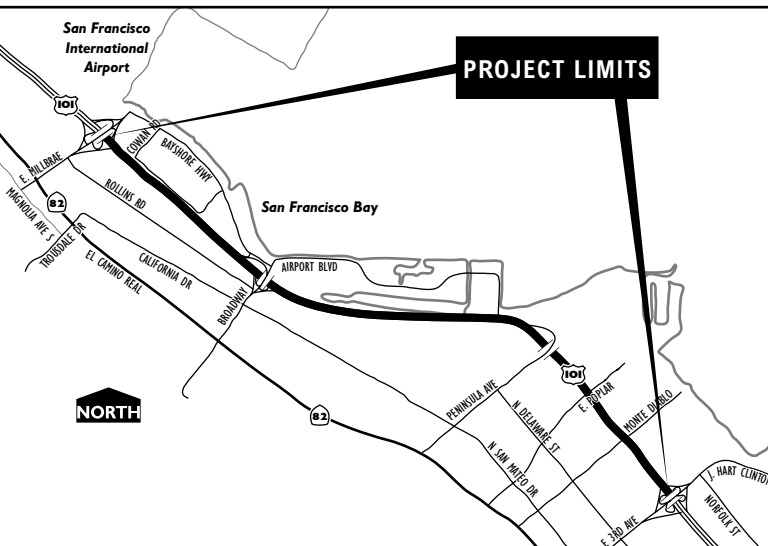


PUBLIC NOTICE

DRAFT

Notice of Open House and Availability of the Draft Negative Declaration and Initial Study/Environmental Assessment for U.S. Route 101 Auxiliary Lanes Project



WHAT'S BEING PLANNED

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) in cooperation with the San Mateo County Transportation Authority (SMCTA), are proposing to add auxiliary lanes in both directions of U.S. Route 101 from just south of Millbrae Avenue in Burlingame, to Third Avenue in San Mateo. The purpose of the project is to reduce weaving and merging conflicts and improve overall freeway system performance and safety.

WHY THIS AD

Caltrans and FHWA have studied the environmental impacts of this project. These studies show that with the incorporation of mitigation measures, the proposed project will not significantly affect the quality of the environment. The document that explains this conclusion is called an Initial Study/Environmental Assessment (IS/EA).

WHAT'S AVAILABLE

The Draft IS/EA is available for review at the San Mateo County Transportation Authority, 1250 San Carlos Avenue, 3rd Floor, San Carlos, on weekdays from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM. The document is also available to review at the following locations during normal business hours:

San Mateo City Hall, Office of City Clerk
330 West 20th Avenue, San Mateo, CA 94403

Burlingame Library
480 Primrose Road, Burlingame, CA 94010

Millbrae Library
801 Magnolia Avenue, Millbrae, CA 94030

Caltrans District 4 Offices
111 Grand Avenue, Oakland, CA 94623

The Project Web Site
www.SMCTA.com

WHERE YOU COME IN

Interested in making comments on the project, written comments on the Draft IS/EA will be accepted between July 28, 2003 and August 29, 2003 and should be sent to: **James McKim**, SMCTA Senior Engineer, 1250 San Carlos Avenue, 3rd Floor, San Carlos, CA 94070. If there are no major comments, Caltrans will adopt a Negative Declaration, request approval from FHWA, and proceed with the project's design.

An Open House will be held to inform the public about the project and take comments on the Draft IS/EA. Maps and exhibits describing the project will be on display and SMCTA and Caltrans staff will be available to answer questions. The open house is scheduled for:

WHEN AND WHERE

Date: Tuesday, August 19, 2003

Time: 5:30 - 7:30 PM

Location: Poplar Creek Golf Course, Dominic's Restaurant
1700 Coyote Point Drive, San Mateo
♿ wheelchair accessible

Individuals requiring special accommodations should call the Caltrans Public Affairs Office at (408) XXX-XXXX at least five days before the scheduled meeting. TDD users may contact the California Relay Service TDD Line at (800) 735-2929, or voice line at (800) 735-2922.

CONTACT

For more information about this project, please contact James McKim, SMCTA Senior Engineer, at (650) 508-7944 or mckimj@samtrans.com. For more information about this project or any other transportation project-related matter call Caltrans Public Information at (800) 696-5408.



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